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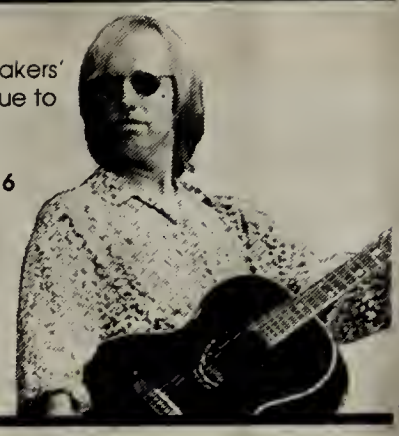

Bomb threats

University takes recent bomb threats seriously

KIM KINTZ
News Editor

The third bomb threat on campus in the past week occurred last Monday. A male caller said there was a bomb in one of the parking lots of PUC.

This is approximately the sixth bomb threat in the past two years and the third in the past week. For all of these threats, no bomb has been discovered.

There is no particular pattem to the calls either, according to Wes Lukoshus, director of universtiy relations. The caller on April 15, a female, called from a house phone on the second floor of the Gyte building, claiming there was a bomb in Gyte.

The threat on April 16 came from a male caller who said there was a bomb in Gyte. The university will release no further information about the callers, due to

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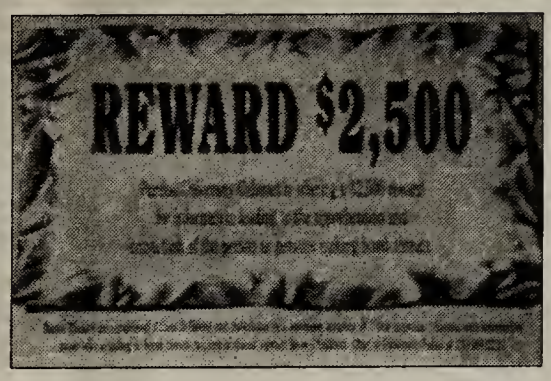

Photo by Katie Hayes

The University is offering a $2,500 reward for any information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons making the bomb threats.

Faculty and students react to bomb threats

KIM KINTZ
News Editor

If it had not been for three bomb threats within a week period, an old clock radio with the wrong time displayed, sitting by itself on a chair in the hallway on the third floor of the SFLC building, may not have looked suspicious.

But it was enough for Judith Leslie, professor in the communications and creative arts department, to cancel her music appreciation class last Wednesday, after she found the radio near her classroom.

Leslie said she normally wouldn't do something like this.

"But with all the news hype (from Colorado) and the bomb scares on campus, we weren't sure what it was."

Two university police officers guarded the radio waiting for identification of the owner.

According to Wes Lukoshus, director of university relations, the officers suspected the radio belonged to a night custodian. After the officers could not reach the owner of the radio, they called in Sgt. Paul Hensley, Hammond Police Department's bomb technician, to dismantle the clock radio.

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Mentoring program aims to aid incoming engineering, math and science majors

DAREN SAMPLAWSKI
Copy Editor

Many beginning college students face difficult choices between the independence of young adulthood and the rigorous demands of the college curriculum. New students must choose between going to the library to research a Rembrandt or going out with friends to research a rave.

Students helping each other cope with the challenges of college life is important to the success of first-year students.

Terry Doherty, head of biological sciences, remembers his undergraduate training and how the mentoring he received helped him through his college experiences.

"I came from a situation where the school was small and we had mentors, mostly sophomores and juniors, who took groups (of freshmen) under their wings and talked about the

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PUC police continue search for pornography phantom

JOSEPH BOGS
Staff Writer

PUC police continue the search for bare facts on the trail of a pomography phantom.

According to Chief Stephen Chaddock, someone printed pomographic images on sticker stock and pasted them in various places around campus. The material showed up in bathrooms, on walls and between the pages of the Chronicle.

"It's someone's idea of a bad prank," Chaddock said.

April Durning, human resources major, was disgusted when she heard about the events.

"It's awful," she said. "I have no respect for people like that. It all goes back to a lack of morals."

The suspect has never been apprehended.

Although it is not against any state laws, printing out pornography is against university policy and the code of ethics online. However, people are still printing out the pornography.

Katheryn Carpenter, director of library services and a professor of library science, is familiar with people printing out pomography.

"One time the printers got jammed. After we fixed the jam, out came the pomography," Carpenter said.

According to Chaddock, people who are caught printing out pomographic material will be referred to the Dean of Students for possible disciplinary action.

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Los Latinos celebrate 25th anniversary with music

Los Latinos **celebrated their 25 Anniversary Reunion on April 16 in Alumni Hall. Tom Ruiz, who earned his master's degree at PUC, performed music and sang at the event. Now living in New Mexico, Ruiz came back for the reunion, whose purpose was to establish an endowed scholarship.**

Photo by Christopher Kosovich

Graduate refuses to pay parking ticket

JASON DANANAY
Staff Writer

In the midst of one of this year's icy snowstorms, James Korba, a graduate of PUC, received a parking ticket that left him fuming.

Korba drove to the university to drop off resumes on Feb. 3. After circling the parking lot several times, he parked at a spot under a tree near Porter Hall and proceeded to go to the SFLC.

When he returned to his car, he discovered a parking ticket on his windshield.

As the snow drifted across the parking lot, Korba observed the yellow lines indicating a no parking zone. Korba said that due to the rapid snowfall, he did not see the lines.

Looking around the parking lot, Korba noticed the large number of police and PUC trucks driving around the lot.

"These PUC vehicles were circling the parking lots like a bunch of vultures," Korba said.

Although the ticket was only $10, Korba

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Class registration in South Lake County will be at the Georgia Street Learning Center April 28 from 3 to 7 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Our response to bomb threats

When sister institution Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne received a series of several, anonymous bomb threats a couple years ago, IPFW officials offered a monetary award for information leading to the identity of the perpetrator(s).

The strategy paid off. The reward prompted valuable information that led to the arrest and conviction of an individual. IPFW has not been troubled by bomb threats since.

We're talking felony!

In the recent wake of three phone calls, threatening bomb explosions on our campus, Purdue Calumet has taken IPFW's lead. As the posted announcements around campus indicate, we are making available a $2,500 reward for information that leads to the identity of whomever is guilty of this Class D felony.

Yes, that's right, bomb threats are considered a Class D felony, punishable by a minimum sentence of one year in prison. The guilty party also likely will pay a hefty fine—not to mention expulsion from the university, should the culprit(s) be a student(s).

That the recent threats did not turn up explosives on campus—nor did any previous threats, for that matter—does not diminish their severity by any means.

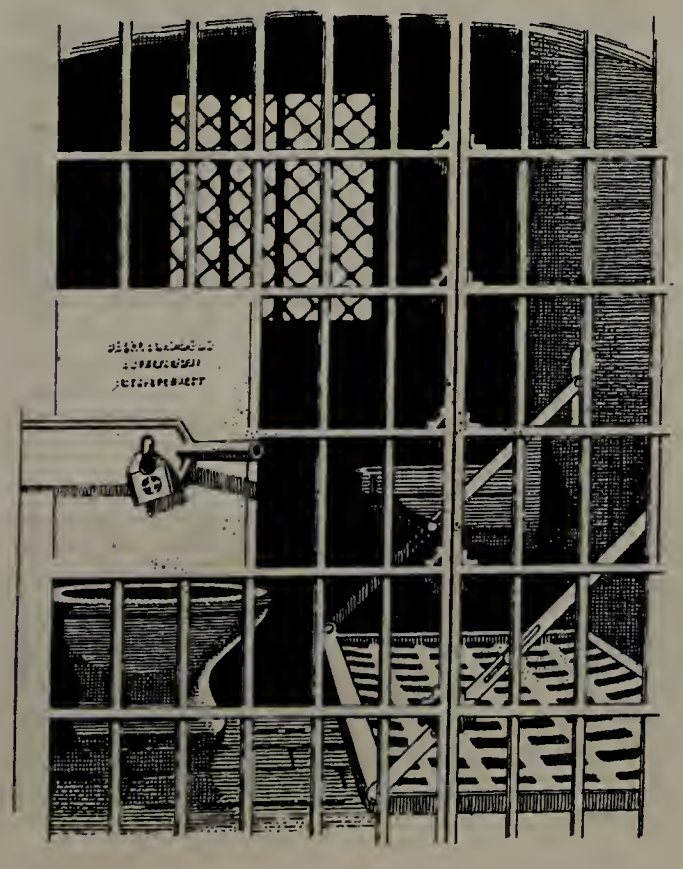
A disruptive influence

Aside from inconvenience, these threats disrupt, if not upset, an environment of some 10,000 people. These interruptions to normal campus activity also prove costly.

So there is much at stake in ending this unfortunate practice of placing bomb threats. The identity of individuals who come forward to University Police with important information about these threats will remain confidential if that is their wish.

Suffice to say: this is serious!

"Our intent is to do everything we can to identify and apprehend the individual or individuals responsible for making these threats, and then see that they are convicted to the fullest extent of the law," said Michael Kull, Purdue Calumet executive director of facilities and logistical support services.



At a glance

around campus

Graduate student research grants available

Students who apply must be enrolled in three credit hours minimum and available to any graduate student in any degree. Application deadline is July 1 with several requirements that must be fulfilled to enter. Contact Marsha Gordon at 989-2257 or in Lawshe 308 for more details.

Humanities graduate student research grants available

In memory of John S. Tuckey, a graduate research award has been established in his name for graduate students. Application deadline is July 1 with several requirements that must be fulfilled to enter. Contact Marsha Gordon at 989-2257 or in Lawshe 308 for more details.

Red Cross run/walk for life

The NWI American Red Cross will sponsor its 14th Annual four mile race/walk at the Wicker Park Pavilion in Highland on Saturday, May 1. Race registration is from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. the day of the race. Trophies will be given to the top placers. For more information or registration forms contact the Red Cross at 756-5360.

Phi Kappa Theta hosts Bandfest '99

Phi Kappa Theta will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the merger of Phi Kappa nd Theta Kappa Phi on Thursday, April 29. The concert will be held in Romeoville at the Lewis University main campus. For more information contact Brian Maclean at 815-834-6943.

EMS sponsors physics seminar

The EMS mentoring program is sponsoring 'An effective elective seminar for physics and engineering students' on April 28 at 3 p.m. in Gyte 208. For more information contact 989-2468.

Finale dinner in the Region Room

The RHIT 492 class will prepare and serve a special dinner at 5:30 p.m. and also at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, in the Region Room, located in the cafeteria. Call Diana Racenia at 989-2319 between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Friday, April 16, to make reservations and to select an entree. The price of the dinner is $15.00 including tax.

Drop-in center opens

The Engineering, Math and Science Mentoring Drop-in Center in GYTE-148, 989-2468, is now open.

Salvation Army seeks volunteers

The Hammond/Munster Corps of the Salvation Army at 8225 Columbia Ave. is seeking volunteers for its social services, feeding, food distribution, youth, senior citizens and emergency disaster programs. For more information, call Shirley Fehring at 923-0574.

Free Internet class

A class providing instruction in the use of e-mail and the Internet will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 26, at the Hammond Public Library at 564 State St. in Hammond. The class is free and open to the public. No registration is required. For more information, call John Strott at (219) 852-2262. One-on-one Internet training sessions are also available at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the library. For more information or to make a reservation, call the circulatoin desk at (219) 931-5100.

Early registration continues through May 7

PUC early registration for summer and fall classes continues through May 7. Automated course schedules are available at the university's world wide web site: www.calumet.purdue.edu and through the campus' personal computer network. Printed course schedules are available in the Enrollment Services Center and the Information Center in the SFLC. Summer classes begin June 14. Fall semester classes begin Aug. 26.

Riley Child Center hosts dinner, discussion

In celebrationof the Month of the Young Child, PUC's Charlotte R. Riley Child Center is hosting a program, "Identifying Children Who Commit Acts of Violence," April 27 in Alumni Hall. The program begins with a brown bag dinner at 6 p.m. (dessert and beverage provided) and the speaker, Deborah Byrd, Tri-City Community Mental Health Center programs supervisor, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Quote of the week

'History is no more than the portrayal of crimes and misfortunes.'

-Francois Marie Arouet
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Lid collection successful

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Staff Writer

Students and faculty of the PUC campus united during March to fight one of the most deadly diseases affecting women today, breast cancer.

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Yoplait Yogurt offered to donate 50 cents to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation for each Yoplait pink foil lid received by April 30.

Henry Hosek, a professor in the mathematics, computer science and statistics department; sent e-mails to several staff members and the responses were almost immediate.

Boxes placed in the university's lounges and the cafeteria served as drop off point for the pink lids. The Wellness Center served as a collection center for the lids.

PUC collected more than 1,200 lids, which is the equivalent to more than $600 donated to the foundation.

The success of the collection can be attributed to the efforts of three university faculty members: Barbara Nicolai, Maureen Marthaler and Deborah Wade. Nicolai, a professor living with breast cancer, thought that this collection would not only be an opportunity to raise money for a good cause, but also to raise awareness to a deadly disease that one in eight women get in their life.

Marthaler, a visiting assistant professor of nursing, supervised the collection of the lids around campus. Marthaler decided to get involved because of the Breast Cancer Research Foundation's success in finding a gene that can be linked to breast cancer.

Wade believes the caring nature of students and faculty on campus made the collection a success.

"The collection was a success because the faculty and students made the effort to buy the yogurt and collect the lids from friends and family," Wade said.

Wade started encouraging co-workers and others in the counseling department to buy Yoplait Yogurt and save the lids. The counseling center collected over 300 lids alone.

"This is the first in a campus-wide effort to improve the awareness of breast cancer, it's our plan to be able to offer support to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation in the years to come," Robert Jensen, the director of the Wellness and Fitness Center, said.

Reaction

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At the scene, PUC police officer Donna Hillier said, "We would evacuate if we thought it was of any concern, because our main concern is the safety of the students."

Lukoshus said that it is the university's job to inform people within the vicinity and let them decide what action to take.

The clock radio was dismantled at the scene and the police informed surrounding students that it was nothing more than a clock radio.

This is not the first time a suspicious object was found and checked out by Hensley. At 1:47 p.m. on April 15, a staff member found a speaker telephone that did not belong to PUC in the second floor men's restroom in Porter Hall. Hensley was called in to investigate and determined that it was only a telephone.

Although students and faculty should be cautious and not ignore suspicious activity, it is hard to determine where to draw the line.

"It's a gray area. There is a point when we have to carry on with business, but it's better to be safe than sorry," he said.

Jeff Hamilton, a junior in organizational leadership and development, said that he experienced a similar problem at another school.

"When I was at the University of Southern Indiana my freshman year, there were three to four bomb threats made by this girl. It turned out the girl had family problems. Usually when students are frustrated at the school, they act out."

Some students think a prankster is committing the threats. Donald L. Smulski, a sophomore in criminal justice, said he hopes the person (or persons) calling in the threats will be apprehended.

"It puts fear in the minds of the students," he said.

Bryant speaks for Los Latinos

Photo by Chris Kosovich

Dr. Leo Bryant, vice chancellor for student services and dean of students, gave the invocation address at the Los Latinos 25th Anniversary Reunion on April 16 in Alumni Hall.

Threats

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the continuing investigation.

"We are taking it (bomb threats) seriously," Lukoshus said. He added that these threats disrupt campus activity and create unnecessary fear.

Due to the increased number of threats, a reward of $2500 is being offered for information that leads to the conviction of the person or persons making the bomb threats.

The reward comes from an unrestricted fund given to PUC from the Purdue Research Foundation. According to Lukoshus, PUC's sister campus in Fort Wayne initiated a reward system after a similar incident. They were successful in preventing future threats and even made an arrest.

After one of the first threats was made to the Gyte building last year, a volunteer bomb response team was formed. Each time there is a bomb threat specified to a particular building, the team made up of PUC faculty members from the physcilities and logistical support services goes into the building to look for a bomb. The volunteers were trained by the Cook County Bomb Squad in bomb recognition and search techniques, according to Chief Stephen Chaddock of the university police. Chaddock said that the training is crucial to their success and the team learns how to have "heightened awareness" in the building.

Bomb threats
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The university police are asking instructors who had tests or quizzes scheduled for April 15 around 10 or 11 a.m. in the Gyte building to assist them in their investigation of that bomb threat. Chaddock said their biggest goal is finding the callers and ending this investigation. Anyone with any information pertaining to the bomb threats can contact Chaddock at 989-2220. Any callers' identities will be kept confidential.

POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS

Police beat 4/13/99 - 4/19/99

Monday, April 19, 9:55 a.m. The PUC swtichboard operator received an anonymous bomb threat from a male caller for the parking lots at PUC. The caller immediately hung up.

Sunday, April 18, 4:55 p.m. A student fainted while performing a song in Alumni Hall and fell on the stage. The student's mother was in attendance and said she would take her daughter to be checked out.

Friday, April 16, 4:40 p.m. Hammond Police department dispatcher reported receiving an anonymous bomb threat from a male caller for the Gyte building. The building was searched, but there was nothing found.

Thursday, April 15, 9:50 p.m. A motor vehicle traffic accident occurred in the P-13 parking lot west of the PER building. The striking vehicle backed into a parked second vehicle.

Thursday, April 15, 2 p.m. A motor vehicle traffic accident occurred in the P-7 parking lot east of Porter Hall. The striking vehicle backed into a second vehicle.

Thursday, April 15, 1:47 p.m. A staff member reported finding a suspicious object in the second floor men's restroom in Porter Hall. The item turned out to a speaker phone that did not belong to PUC. The Hammond Police Department bomb technician checked out the object and determined it was harmless.

Thursday, April 15, 12:40 p.m. A staff member reported ongoing criminal mischief occurring in the 3rd floor mechanical room of the SFLC building. The unknown person was breaking off the lightbulbs with a broom handle.

Thursday, April 15, 10:42 a.m. PUC police reported receiving an anonymous bomb threat for the Gyte building. The female caller called from the second floor of the Gyte house phone. The building was searched with negative results.

Wednesday, April 14, 8:03 p.m. A student felt a seizure coming on and listed help from a witness in the SFLC concourse. *The Hammond Fire Department ambulance arrived and* transported the student to the hospital.

POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS

Pornography

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Robert Hopper, director of information technology systems, knows about the problem. Since the advent of the student login, suspects are easier to track.

"If we think that someone is downloading pornography and printing it out, we can capture it," Hopper said. "We can then see who is printing it out."

If a person is caught, there will be a review of the situation and appropriate action will be taken, according to Dr. Leo Bryant, vice chancellor for student services and dean of students.

"We are working with the departments, the dean of students and cooperating with the university police," Hopper said.

However, he added, there is no way to tell what everyone is doing. "We're not big brother," Hopper said.

Carpenter has had complaints about people viewing pornography.

"I don't think that people will stop, but I don't feel the library should help them to do it," Carpenter said.

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Katheryn Carpenter, director of library services

The First Amendment protects the rights of individuals to freely express themselves. Thus, a person can, by law, view pornographic material, as long as it does not infringe on the rights of those around them.

Indiana Code states that it is a Class A misdemeanor if a person knowingly or intentionally offers to distribute, distributes, or exhibits to another person obscene matter. The offense is elevated to a Class D felony if the obscene matter portrays anyone under the age of 16.

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Administration respsonds poorly to recent bomb scares

The university administration made the decision to put your life in potential danger for the second week in a row and you never knew about it.

Nobody told you that hours after a threat was phoned in claiming that there was a bomb in the Gyte building, a suspicious device was found located in the Porter building. Students, faculty and staff went about their business not knowing of the unusual speaker phone found on the floor in a restroom stall. The university response was to place a restroom-closed sign with uniformed university and city police outside the door.

Nobody told you, talking into account the recent bomb threats and suspicious device found in the Porter building that yet another strange device was found on the third floor of the Student Faculty Library Center Wednesday. Again, no mass evacuation to protect your safety took place. Again, university police patiently waited by the odd device.

University Relations says that it is the university's job to inform people within the vicinity and let them decide what action to take. Sounds more like it is poor *public relations not to evacuate buildings and let you know just how* dangerous the university can really be.

The university administration has no right to play power games with any one responsible for making the threats or with the related or unrelated suspicious devices. When the devices were first discovered, nobody could say for certain that the devices were not connected to the bomb threats. This is especially true when there is still a reward seeking information about the threats and no one in jail. Every suspect event should be taken seriously because lives could be at stake.

With the bomb threats still under investigation, these suspicious incidents have not been taken seriously. The volunteer bomb response team that the university is so proud of must be too hard to assemble twice in one day, and after a week between incidents just cart bizarre objects – such as the device found in the SFLC – off in a garbage bag.

If buildings had to be evacuated every day due to a threat, so be it. The very least that will happen is a tremendous increase in the amount of evidence will accumulate. The greater the frequency of the threat, the faster and greater the chance the responsible party will make an error that will ultimately lead to a conviction.

With international tensions on the rise, kids building bombs and killing classmates halfway across the country, and threats here at our own campus there is no excuse for the university's poor recent responses.

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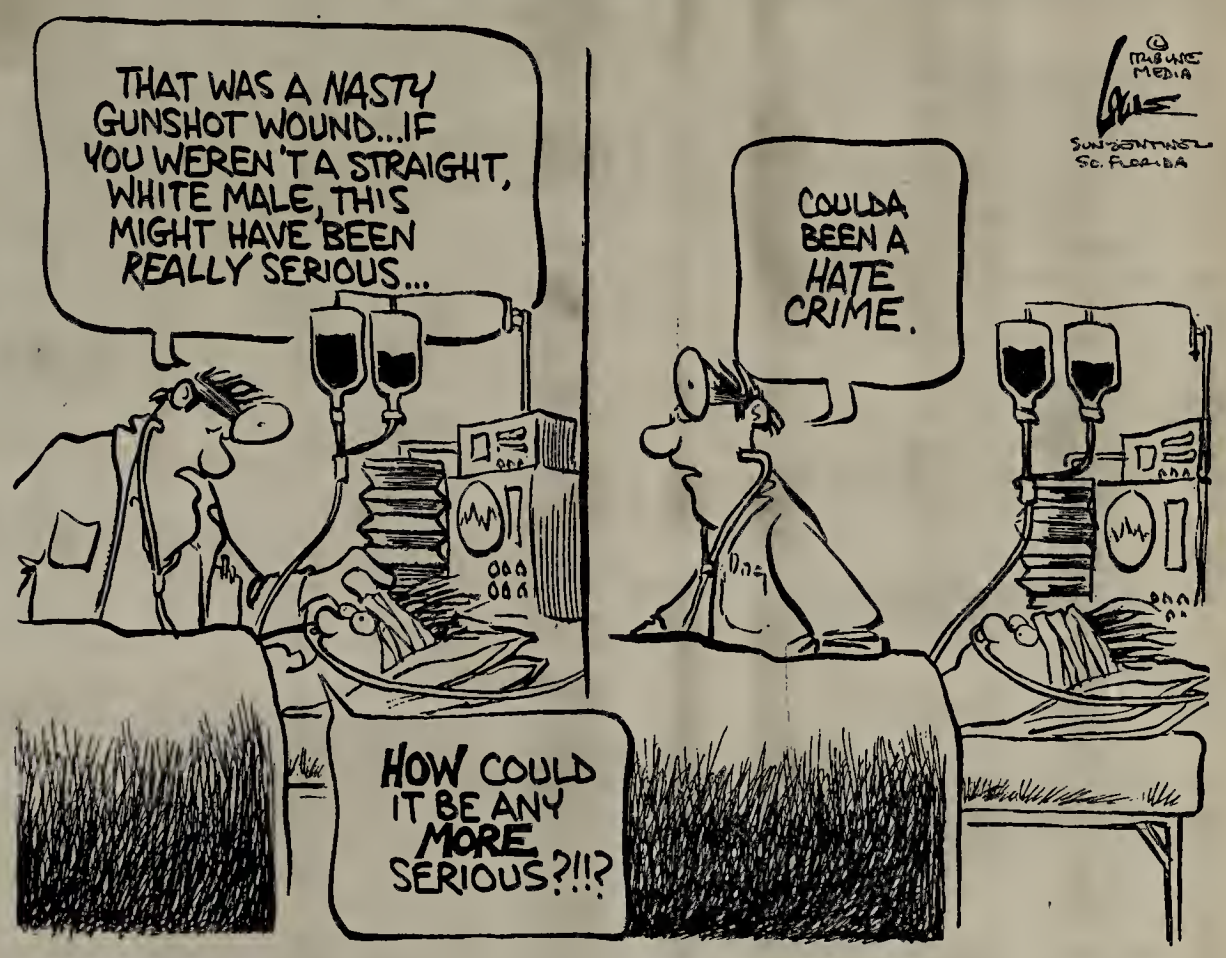
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Think Barbie's tough to emulate? Try Hercules

COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

People love to complain about the media's portrayal of women.

They claim that women in magazines give us an unrealistic image of what the ideal woman should look like. They say if Barbie were a real person, her waist would be thinner than a bicycle spoke and her boobs would have their own zip code.

I am upset that the plight of men is being ignored. Just look at the unrealistic way men are portrayed by the media. We are made out to be sex-crazed maniacs who drink beer and watch sports all day. OK, maybe we are like that, but the media say we are AND must have incredibly huge muscles.

If you think it's tough to look like Barbie, just imagine how hard it is for guys. As kids, we played with Transformers.

Talk about an unrealistic portrayal of men. No matter how hard I try, I can't even turn myself into a Ford Escort, let alone a fully armed semi-truck like my hero, Optimus Prime.

So thanks to the media, I have yearned to have a huge hulking body resembling that of "Hercules" Kevin Sorbo. This is a major problem because my body is built much more like Kate Moss. But some lying bastard once told me "if you put your mind to it, you can do anything,." I lifted weights every day for two years, transforming my body from a skinny sack of bones to a sore and tired skinny sack of bones.

But I learned some lessons in the weight room. I learned that I don't want to become a huge weightlifter because huge weightlifters are stupid. They lose brain cells to make way for muscles, and their bodies get so huge they can't fit out the exits.

So when you drive past an athletic club, think about the hundreds of weightlifters stuck in the weight room, getting dumber and dumber. Then think about how it is the media that are causing these tragedies.

Letter to the Editor

Spott's SGA intentions miscommunicated

I am not resigning from the Student Government Association as stated in the headline in the Letter to the Editor of the April 12 Chronicle.

You would figure that the Chronicle would do a follow-up before printing a Letter to the Editor to verify the intent of the letter submitted for publication in The Chronicle. The Times and Post-Tribune always call the individual that submits a Letter to the Editor to verify their intent before publishing their letter.

Therefore, I am finishing out my term and I am not running for re-election. It is time for other students to take the initiative and take an interest in Student Government and the art of representation.

Dave Spott

The People speak

Question of the Week: Do you take the bomb threats at PUC seriously?

Jerry Simmons
freshman, art education

"If I hear something about a bomb, I'm out of here."

Michelle Haluska
sophomore, nursing

"No, usually they turn out to be students avoiding tests and I just use them as an opportunity to play cards."

John Meehan
senior, clinical psychology

"I think bomb threats are attempts to get classes shut down by students who fail to study for exams."

Melissa Jimenez
freshman, pre-pharmacy

"Not really. Where I used to go to school, they had bomb threats all the time and nothing ever happened."

Jennifer Gilbert
senior, psychology

"I don't really take the threats seriously, but then it seems nobody else does either. I just hope one day it isn't for real."

National Multiple Sclerosis Society holds local walks

SARAH KNIGHT
Staff writer

Paul Robinson looks forward to routine walks with his canine companion, Napoleon. However, there are days when he cannot make it through his front yard.

This 49-year-old Hammond resident and father of three suffers from multiple sclerosis. This incurable disease affects the body's central nervous system. Its exact cause is unknown. According to The Betaseron MS Resource Center, MS can strike almost anyone; it is most common in white women ages 20 to 40.

Robinson was diagnosed at the age of 29 after he began stumbling and developing numbness in his limbs. He could not accept the idea and remained in denial for years.

"I began to accept the fact I had MS three years ago and now I feel there has been a big weight lifted off my shoulders," he said.

"There have been times I could hardly walk. I am thankful that I have never had to use a wheelchair and I feel sorry for those who do," Robinson said.

Robinson is not alone. According to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, over a third of a million Americans have MS.

The NMSS, which consists of approximately 140 chapters, sponsors annual walks to raise money for the fight against MS. Their mission is to be the one thing that people with MS can count on. On April 18, the Chicago-Greater Illinois Chapter celebrated its 10th anniversary walk at 11 Illinois locations. Two PUC students participated in the Oak Forest walk.

Amy Taylor, a PUC psychology major and first time participant, promotes service.

"You should always help because you never know when something can happen to you or someone you love," she said.

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> Amy Taylor, psychology major

It was a cold, rainy day for the walkers, but it did not dampen their spirits. Mother nature could not keep the 946 people from completing the 10 mile stretch in Yankee Woods Forest Preserve.

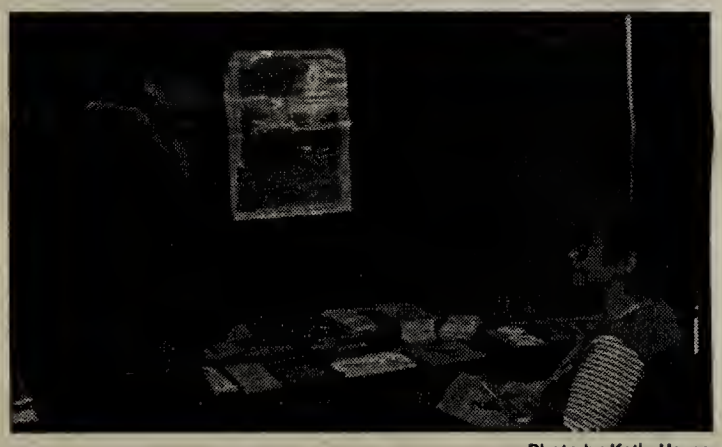
Sharon Miller, the chairperson for the Oak Forest site, said that walkers turned in $77,000 for that location. She added that this money goes directly into research and client services. Walkers received gift bags and their names were entered into a raffle to win one of the various prizes donated by local sponsors.

Cheryl Berger, a 55-year-old Illinois resident and MS walk veteran, has participated in six of the 10 Chicagoland walks. "Ten years ago I felt like I've always been lucky and had my health so I wanted to do something to help the less fortunate," she said. Berger successfully raised $700 through donations given by her friends, relatives and co-workers.

When she participated in her first walk she knew no one with MS. Now, Berger knows several MS victims and views the walks as a personal matter.

The NMSS hosts other annual events in both Indiana and Illinois. Individuals interested in participating or volunteering can call 1-800-FIGHTMS.

Earth Day Fair



A representative from the Lake County Solid Waste District talks to student Andrea Murray at the 1999 Earth Day Fair in the SFLC last Thursday. The Earth Day activities, which included a speech by Lisa Ashby, LCSWD education coordinator, tried to promote environmental awareness among students.

– Photo by Katie Hayes

Ticket

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decided not to pay it. Korba said that his refusal to pay the fine is his way of protesting the deplorable parking situation that he and other students had to endure at the university. Parking has been a problem at the university since I came here in the early 80s, said Korba.

Currently, there are 2,965 parking spots on campus. The development of new parking lots created more student parking to accommodate the increasing number of students in the last 20 years.

Chief Stephen Chaddock said that parking violations given out have decreased over the last two semesters. Students parking in handicapped zones and 15 minute zones account for many of the tickets given, Chaddock said.

> "I am being hunted like a dog for a $10 parking fee."
> James Korba, PUC graduate

After 28 years in law efforcement, Chaddock believes that Korba's reaction to the incident is not uncommon. "Law enforcement isn't going to help you win any popularity contests," Chaddock said.

Michael Kull, director of facilities and logistical support services, received the results of a parking study taken on campus from Oct. 19 to the 23.

The study concluded that 77.9 percent of the campus spots were taken during the peak period of Tuesday at 11:10 a.m. According to the study, the remaining spots were no more than a 10 to12 minute walk to the SFLC.

Kull believes that there are plenty of spots on campus, but students want only the closest spots.

"Students circle the parking lot for 10 minutes looking for the perfect spot when they could just take the first available spot and walk a few minutes," Kull said.

After more than a month passed, Korba received a letter from Sandy Bogusz, of accounting services and collections. The letter was reminding Korba that he didn't pay his parking fine. The payment for the violation was due by April 9.

This letter caught the eye of Korba, but not because it threatened to effect his current credit standing if not paid. The letter's salutation read, "Dear Julie," not "Dear James." The social security number in the letter was also incorrect. Bogusz later sent a corrected letter, but Korba said he never received an update on the parking situation after he received the incorrect letter.

Accounting services and collections are still waiting for this matter to be resolved. With the due date past, Bogusz said that small fines such as Korbas aren't usually turned over to collection agencies.

"I am being hunted like a dog for a $10 parking fee. I donate money every year to the general scholarship fund through the purchase of my Purdue license plates. I will no longer support PUC financially," Korba said.

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Mentor

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campus, classes, and professors," Doherty said.

Andy Schoon, biology major, remembers what it was like when he first approached the students involved in a new mentoring program at PUC.

"When I came in I didn't know what classes to take, these guys had been through the program and they conveyed knowledge of what to take," Schoon said.

Initiated in the fall semester of 1998, the School of Engineering Mathematics and Sciences Mentoring Program is available for students majoring in engineering, mathematics, biology, chemistry and physics.

The program hopes to provide freshmen and sophomores the opportunity to benefit from the wisdom and experience of more advanced students, according to Dan Dunn, acting dean, school of engineering, mathematics and sciences.

The program is intended to help by providing an outlet for newer students to ask questions of more experienced students that they might not feel comfortable asking instructors and administrators, Dunn said.

Apparently, the program works.

Mentor and biology major Valerie Price remembers a student who came in and expressed confusion about which courses to take.

"I think it helps because we were able to focus on the classes that could most help her develop the skills she desires," Price said.

"I found them most helpful and I recommend seeking a mentor to anyone who needs help," Schoon said.

The program benefits people because it provides a resource when scheduling questions arise, according to Brendan McCarthy, mentor and biology major.

The program also intends to help freshmen meet their goals by addressing time management and college survival skills, said Marsha Gordon, coordinator of graduate office affairs.

The program was developed in response to the national need of improving retention rates among freshman college students, according to Dunn.

The mentoring service is in transition and awaits further development, Dunn said. Starting in the fall semester, mentors will be selected to attend courses alongside newer students to further develop the mentoring process. These in-class mentors will be able to help students with complicated lab assignments and the difficult material that introductory science and math classes require.

The mentors will be paid, but because the program is under development, salaries have not been determined.

Engineering, mathematics and science students can find a mentor in Gyte-148 Monday through Friday.

For additional information, contact a representative of the program at 989-2468.

PUC Board of Trustees promotes faculty members

PUC PRESS RELEASE

Thirteen PUC faculty members have been granted promotions by the Purdue University Board of Trustees.

Six have been promoted to the rank of professor and seven to associate professor.

Those approved for full professorships are: Bette S. Bergeron, professor of education; Theresa M. Carilli, professor of communication; Peggy S. Gerard, professor of nursing; E. James Jennings, professor of economics; David F. Pick, professor of psychology; and Judith O. Smith, professor of education.

Those approved for associate professorships are: Judith A. Conedera, associate professor of nursing; Maurice M. Eisenstein, associate professor of political science; Lisa Hopp, associate professor of nursing; Barbara L. Mania-Farnell, associate professor of biology; Linda S. Mura, associate professor of sociology; James A. Russett, associate professor of education; and Elaine Waples, associate professor of management.

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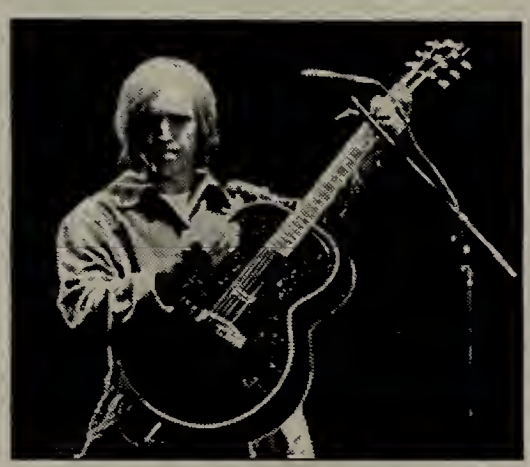
Petty, Heartbreakers stay true to character in their latest, 'Echo'

MICHAEL D. "STIOUX" STEWART
Distribution Manager

As a big fan of Tom Petty, I must say his latest album, "Echo," doesn't exactly make me jump for joy.

The album is full of mellow songs that talk about men and women taking risks and standing up for what they believe in.

One of the songs on the album, "Free Girl Now," is a song of sexual harassment and a woman escaping from it. With lyrics that say, "I remember when he was your boss/I remember him touching your butt/I remember you counting your blessings/Yeah honey, you had to keep your mouth shut," the album takes awhile for you to get into it.



Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers kicked off their latest tour at the Fillmore in San Francisco in March.

But when you finally comprehend the essence of the album you get to the understanding of what the album means to you. For me, the album is about taking chances and letting yourself fall down – if that's what it takes to go forward in life.

In the song, "Billy The Kid," Petty sings about trusting the wrong people, but not letting those who betray you keep you down not matter how hard they have knocked you around. This Petty album is reminiscent of his "She's the One" soundtrack, in the way it takes a little bit of listening to get used to.

This is the 12th Heartbreakers album. Petty remains true in his musical styling, never bucking to new trends in the music business. The songs on "Echo" remind us that without the knowledge of hardship, one cannot truly feel joy and happiness. They are all part of the cycle of life. Simply put, if you like Tom Petty and Heartbreakers, then you will like this album. This is an album that reaches out to those searching for the answer to the question: Why do bad things happen to good people?

Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers have 23 years of commercial success.

Tom Petty can be found the web at www.tompetty.com where site goers may chat with other Petty fans, check out the Petty Shop, and view upcoming tour dates – such as July 31 at World Music Theater in Tinley Park, Ill. Tickets already on sale for that show, as well as for July 23 at Deer Creek Music Area in Noblesville, Ind.

'Echo' is the 12th album by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. They will be appearing Sunday, May 16 on VH1's 'Behind the Music' and 'Storytellers.' Petty has also been honored as the network's 'Artist of the Month' for April.

'The Hot Rock' rocks even if it's not on radio

Grrrl Punk stars Sleater Kinney maintain their independence on latest album

KIM KINTZ
News Editor

It's got to be pretty bad when a song on the radio is used in a commercial before its release as a single. It's really bad when you are willing to pay almost 50 bucks to see a mediocre band in concert and they sell out before you can even get a stain on your newest South Park T-shirt.

But believe it or not, there are bands out there not being played on the radio that could blow any of those whining rockers out of the water, that is, if being signed on a major label was not the only way to get airtime.

Sleater Kinney is that band that you can't hear on mainstream radio.

Sleater Kinney is made up of three former riot grrrls, Carrie Brownstein, Corin Tucker, and drummer Janet Weiss. They have just released their fourth album, "The Hot Rock" this month.

"The Hot Rock" is a release finally polished enough to maybe give them a better chance at some airplay, but still has just enough edge to make you realize these girls are honestly untouched by the corporate, ugly side of the music business.

Carrie Tucker of Sleater Kinney performs during a live show.

The best reason to check out Sleater Kinney is not their sugar-sweet-yet-tough attitudes, but the shared switch of lead vocals between Tucker and Brownstein. Tucker's possessed, clean wail combined with Brownstein's calmer, rich tone can be best seen on this album in the song "Memorize Your Lines." Brownstein sings the lyrics, "Performance of my life, Performance of your life..." They trade lines back and forth, then Tucker belts out, "Do you want me here, do you know for sure?"

Besides the tremendous talent of Tucker's voice, Sleater Kinney's music is light enough to be catchy, but dark enough to be intriguing.

"Burn don't Freeze" is a song that made part of me want to go dig up some safety pins and pin them to my leather jacket because the punk influence is so strong. The other part of me was saying "right on, sister" to the gritty, female empowerment message in the lyrics.

As usual, Tucker and Brownstein trade off lead guitar and lead vocals effectively and Weiss' clomping drums keep the fast paced rhythm going smoothly. The song leads in rather slowly to Brownstein's chant of, "Backwards, forwards going out of my mind, spinning way off time, Fire to water, baby's putting me out."

Sleater Kinney

With enthusiasm, the girls' lyrics and guitars get faster and harsher like the punk anthems of long ago. Tucker wails, "I ain't gonna listen to you no more, breakin' outta this place throwin' open the door, use me up just to fan the flame, but you'll be sorry as I'm walkin' away."

The band definitely reminds you of basic garage band punk rock. The music is like early Nirvana or even further back, the X-ray Specs (one of the very first girl punk bands from England).

The first song on the album, "Start Together," sounds like Hole's earlier music.

Tucker's opening to the song is a mournful, angst filled cry that starts slow and then rhythm of the two lead guitars gets faster and more catchy by the end.

Some of the songs on here are little bit too much alike to really stand out on their own. This may be the biggest problem facing Sleater Kinney. The songs are fast, powerful, and some almost have substance to them, but the social messages the band tries to throw out are weak. The band should stick to the wild abandon seen on their previous albums.

In their second release, "Call the Doctor" (1996), the sound is fast and edgy with lots of punk influence. The third album, "Dig Me Out" (1997), received rave reviews in Time, Spin, and even Seventeen magazine. That album had the same edginess, but it also had songs with more feeling.

On "The Hot Rock," the band needs to stop trying so hard to have a message. In the song, "Banned from the End of the World," the band says, "Open the box a new life rushes out, Nasty little bug, Much work to be done...."

This song, and a few more on the album, try to talk about the millennial fear and the technological world we are moving into, but without much conviction.

I truly believe that it's about time more people hear this feverish band.

So do as Tucker says on their third album, "Take take the noise in my head...C'mon and tum, turn it up."

Murphy and Lawrence pair up well while serving 'Life'

RICK PEREGOY
Staff Writer

Martin Lawrence (left) and Eddie Murphy star in Ted Demme's 'Life.'

Pauly Shore needs to come out of retirement and make another really crappy movie because frankly, it's starting to piss me off seeing great movies when I could really enjoy trashing a lousy one.

"Life," starring Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence, unfortunately, is very entertaining.

The setting is New York, 1932. Club Spanky's is a joint owned by Spanky Johnson (Rick James), a seedy sort who Murphy's character, Ray Gibson, owes a large amount of dough.

Claude Banks (Martin Lawrence) happens to be in the same situation as Ray, who comes up with a plan that will buy the time for both of them to exist a little longer.

Ray convinces Spanky that he could pull off a moonshine bootlegging run. Spanky obviously is not your world class underworld kingpin; his mistake was to trust Ray, a known con man.

Ray and Claude travel to Mississippi and make the deal and then head off to paint the town red before returning to New York.

Movie	Life
Actors	Eddie Murphy, Martin Lawrence
Rating	7 of 10

Ray is one to play the angles. He's a pickpocket who goes from one scam to the another like Tarzan going from vine to vine. He gets into a poker game and loses everything to Winston Hancock, (Clarence Williams III) a scam artist in his own right. Hancock manages to get himself murdered and Ray and Claude stumble upon the body. That's when a group, who would make the hillbillies in the movie "Deliverance" look like Rhodes Scholars, come on the scene. They are puppets for Sheriff Pike, (Ned Vaughn) who feels that he is above the law. Ray and Claude are framed for the hit and sentenced to "Life." They are thrust into Deep South prison life: no walls or barbed wire, but a gun line, an imaginary line that "...if you cross it, you will be shot! If you fall over it, you will be shot! If you piss over it, you will be shot!"

There is not enough time in a two-hour movie to develop the characters in "Life." With character names like Jangel leg, Biscuit, and Goldmouth, I was starting to wonder if the screenwriting team of Robert Ramsey and Matthew Stone weren't moonlighting in the field of hallucinogenic studies.

"Can't get right" is a mute who can really hit a baseball, and isn't all that bad at knocking up the warden's daughter Mae Rose (Poppy Montgomery), who is caucasian, while "Can't get right" is African-American.

When the warden finds out that his grandson is more ethnic than he would've preferred, he holds up the baby to each of the prisoners' faces in an effort to find the culprit. It suggests that the scene is happening on the day of the child's birth, but the baby is obviously at least nine months old, complete with an "afro."

Just as the warden is about to figure out that "Can't get right " is the baby's father, Ray steps forward and says, "I am the father of that baby," and then they all take turns stepping forward, admitting that the baby is their own, a la "I am Spartacus."

Murphy is a true comedic genius and Lawrence is a fine co-star. The movie is well directed by Ted Demme ("The Ref," "Rounders").

Don't leave when the movie is over. There is a collection of outtakes that are just as funny as the movie.

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Horoscopes For the week of April 26

Aries (March 21-April 19).
Double-check work Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Join forces with a partner on Thursday, so you can spend money together Friday and Saturday. Sunday is an ideal day for travel.

Taurus (April 20-May 20).
Romance beckons Monday. You're in for a surprise. Develop a passion for paperwork on Tuesday, and by Wednesday a dream comes true. Work to please your partner Thursday, and you get your way Friday and Saturday. Go on a shopping spree Sunday.

Gemini (May 21-June 21).
Your household is disrupted on Monday, with cleaning. Get it tuned up by Tuesday and Wednesday. Have company over. Thursday and Friday are work days, and Saturday is intense. By Sunday you are much too tired. Let a partner drive.

Cancer (June 22-July 22).
Study data on Monday and apply what you've learned Tuesday and Wednesday. Get *the mess cleaned* Thursday so you can have a date at home on Friday or Saturday. Save chores for Sunday.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).
Don't waste money Monday. Save it for a rainy day. Catch up on reading Tuesday and Wednesday. You'll need information Thursday and Friday. Relax Saturday, schedule a date Sunday.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).
You're the one to get the answer Monday, so share it with others. Use what you know to increase your income on Tuesday and Wednesday, and save Thursday and Friday for paperwork and errands. You'll learn quickly on Saturday, so study up. Sunday is your best day to make changes at home.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).
Don't gossip on Monday, at least until you're sure you've got the facts right. You could look for attention Tuesday. You may possibly find a new romance by Wednesday. The urge to splurge is intense Thursday and Friday. It looks like more money coming in around Saturday, and hopefully it's enough. Be watching for a pleasant surprise on Sunday.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).
A friend directs your energy on Monday. Keep secrets Tuesday and Wednesday, even if they're juicy ones. Thursday, you're getting stronger, and Friday you're quite powerful, but not unopposed. You could win through a strange twist of fate on Saturday, and find the treasure on Sunday.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).
Pay attention to fine print on Monday. Make your cold calls Tuesday. Strangers become friends Wednesday. Thursday and Friday, the pressure is increasing for you to make a decision. Do it by Saturday, at the latest, so you can relax carefree on Sunday.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).
Travel or contact a foreigner on Monday. Make plans on Tuesday, Rake in the money on Wednesday. Thursday is good for meetings and visiting friends. Friday, there's a conflict between social and private life. On Saturday, the private life wins out. Sunday, a secret is revealed. Keep it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).
Communicating effectively increases your income on Monday. Travel and long-distance business goes best on Tuesday and Wednesday. Take time on Thursday and Friday to think out your options. Make a decision that furthers your career on Saturday. Do something different with friends on Sunday.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20).
A partner could help you make money on Monday. Spend it on Tuesday and Wednesday. Get what you need Thursday and Friday. Travel with loved ones Saturday. Learn from a wise philosopher Sunday.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week ...

Born April 26: Go after those old dreams this year, and catch them.

April 27: This could be the year you find a perfect job, the one that uses all your talents.

April 28: Your future looks secure, through a combination of hard work and good luck.

April 29: Develop latent artistic talents this year.

April 30: Partnerships are important this year.

May 1: Put everything you've got in a safe place this year, and your future is secure.

May 2: Tread carefully this year. Don't take a risk, even with other people's money.

Recker, leading scorer, leaving Hoosiers

COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

FORT WAYNE - Luke Recker has decided to transfer from Indiana University, saying he is dissatisfied with his development as a basketball player.

A statement of Recker's intentions was faxed to The News-Sentinel Wednesday afternoon, from DeKalb High School. Recker could not be reached for further comment, but DeKalb Athletic Director Dick McKean confirmed the fax's authenticity. "It's from Luke," McKean said. Recker wrote:

"It is with sincere regret that I am announcing today my decision to transfer from Indiana University. This is the toughest decision I have ever made. I love the state of Indiana, and playing for IU was always my lifelong dream.

"It is not easy to leave my friends, my family, and my home state. I love to play basketball, and the thought of sitting out a year kills me. I appreciate the opportunity given to me by coach Knight, however, I have not been satisfied with my development as a player. I blame no one but myself for this, and believe my development will best be served in another program."

Recker, IU's leading scorer last season, stated he has not decided on another school. He offered thanks and appreciation to IU students, fans and administrators, as well as the media.

"I especially want to thank my teammates," he wrote. "I love them all, and will miss them greatly." Knight is in South America giving a coaching clinic and could not be reached for comment, IU spokesman Gregg Elkin said.

A statement from the Indiana Athletic Department and released by Elkin said, "We are very sorry that Luke has decided to leave Indiana University. He has been an integral and important part of our basketball program the last two years. We will miss him. We wish him much success as he goes forward."

"This is the toughest decision I have ever made. I love the state of Indiana, and playing for IU was always my lifelong dream."
Luke Recker, in a fax announcing his transfer

Recker's decision came as a surprise, especially given the fact he had been participating in off-season workouts, which includes regular 6 a.m. weightlifting sessions.

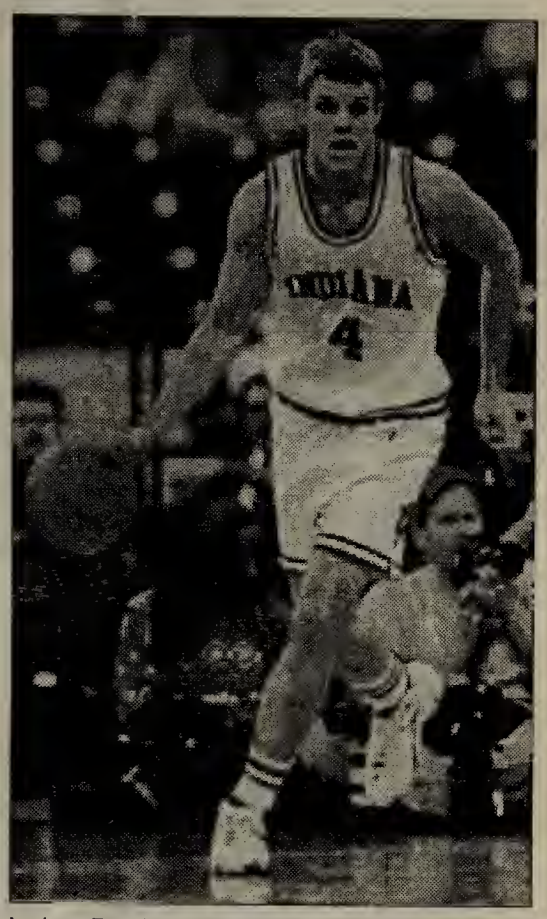
Recker's loss will be a critical blow to an IU program that has seen a handful of top players transfer during the past few years. Recker will be the third starter in three seasons to leave, after Neil Reed and Jason Collier. Reed transferred to Southern Mississippi and Collier to Georgia Tech. Both led their teams in scoring this season, although neither team qualified for the NCAA Toumament. Reed and Collier, however, weren't nearly as invested in the IU program as Recker.

Recker, who was Indiana's Mr. Basketball at DeKalb High School in 1997 and a McDonald's All-American, made an oral commitment to play at IU when he was still a sophomore. It was the youngest commitment in school history, earlier even than Damon Bailey.

He was an immediate starter, averaging 12.8 points, 3.9 rebounds and 2.8 assists per game his freshman year. He led the team with an average of 16.1 points per game last season, and averaged 4.0 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game.

Recker was also generally considered the emotional leader of the team, giving the Hoosiers a vocal counterpart to the quiet efficiency of fellow guard A.J. Guyton.

Those two were arguably the most effective duo in the Big Ten outside of Ohio State's Scoonie Penn and Michael Redd. Although Recker had the highest scoring average on the team, he led the team in scoring only twice in the last 13 games.



Luke Recker, former high school Mr. Basketball, announced last Wednesday that he would no longer play for IU.

College basketball players offer tutoring services to grade-schoolers

COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

HAMPTON, Va. - Fourth-graders at Burbank Elementary School have definite opinions about the young men who tutor them twice a week.

"They make me feel like Munchkins," said 9-year-old Mark Bruff.

"They're huge!" said classmate Antwan Bynum.

It is no exaggeration that these Burbank tutors could strap a couple of fourth-graders together and wear them as hip waders. But these men are no ordinary giants. They are members of the Hampton University basketball team.

Since the fall, the HU Pirates have teamed up with Burbank to offer tutoring assistance to students who need the extra help. This semester, team members are coming out to the school twice a week to help fourth-graders master the skills they need to pass the state Standards of Learning tests.

"They have to be smart to play basketball," explained 10-year-old Cole Smith.

Weldon McWilliams, a point guard, sat with 9-year-old Marquel Cheatham on Tuesday. Together, they answered a series of questions about using action verbs. Marquel wrote on his sheet of loose-leaf paper and McWilliams did the same on his own page.

Just outside the classroom, center Kenton "Foots" Dunn sat on a very short chair and played a mathematical card game with 9-year-old Brittany Jordan.

The junior with the size-16 shoe competed with Brittany in Game 24, a card game that requires students to add, subtract, multiply or divide four numbers on a square card in order to arrive at the number 24. No number could be used twice.

This card had the numbers 7, 4, 5 and 3.

"I'll give you a hint," said Dunn, when he saw Brittany struggling with the answer. "You have to add two of them and multiply two of them."

Brittany thought it over and worked out the solution: 3 x 4 = 12 and 5 + 7 = 12. Add the two 12's together for a total of 24.

Principal Mary Etta Brown said her guidance counselor, Alice Owen, began talking with HU head coach Steve Merfeld last year about helping the students after school. Merfeld agreed it was a great idea. So last semester, several athletes began showing up each week.

"It was really a perfect fit for both parties," Merfeld said. "We are very knowledgeable about the role that athletes have in young people's lives and the impact that they have."

James Wilhelmi, an assistant coach who helps coordinate the program for HU, said many of the athletes look forward to meeting the students for a change of pace.

"Some guys are really eager to go," he said, "especially after they've developed a relationship with these kids."

The students don't seem intimidated by the fact the players are twice as tall as they are. That just seems to make them more interesting.

"I like them because they're basketball players, and they're special," said Cheatham, who saw his first basketball game when the students went to HU to watch the Pirates play last semester.

Erin Malcolm, 10, added that the players have lots of educational experience as adults.

"It's exciting because he's already been through this, probably, and he can help us if we need it," she said of her tutor.

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